

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the application in view of this preliminary amendment.

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,181 (the Parent Application). The Parent Application incorporated U.S. Patent Application No. 09/178,441 in its entirety by reference. Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the fact that the specification and figures from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/178,441 have now been bodily incorporated into the present application. The incorporation is verbatim, except that the figures and reference numbers have been changed to avoid redundancies. As such, the present application adds no new matter to the Parent Application.

If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (206) 359-6351.

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